(c) and (d) The growth rate of 6.5 per cent per year is an average of the sectoral growth rates as given below :

Sector	Ninth Plan Growth Rate (%)
Agriculture and Allied Sectors	3.9
Mining and Quarrying	7.2
Manufacturing	8.2
Electricity, Gas and water	9.3
Construction	4.9
Trade	6.7
Rail Transport	3.9
Other Transport	7.4
Communications	9.5
Financial Services	9.9
Public Administration	6.6
Other Services	6.6
TOTAL	6.5

Concept of People Living above Poverty Line

4242. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present concept of people living above poverty line in terms of nourishment and calorie intake, availability of clothing and shelter per individual; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to upgrade this concept, in view of the Socio-economic concepts of the Constitution of India and the country's development over the past five decades ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) No specific criterion is fixed for people above the poverty line. However, the concept of living people below the poverty line is based on minimum level of calorie intake out of food items along with minimum of non-food items such as, clothing, shelter, transport, etc. The calorie norm for the poor is fixed as an average of 2400 kcals per capita per day in rural areas and 2100 kcals per capita per day in urban areas. No specific quantities are set for non-food items, including clothing and shelter. The minimum requirements of the individuals embedded in the poverty line are continuously updated for changes in price.

Acceptance of Methodology of Estimation of Poverty

4243. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Group Methodology of estimation of poverty has been accepted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) The Exprt Group (on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor) was constituted by the Planning Commission in September, 1989. The Expert Group submitted its report to the Planning Commission in July, 1993. In March, 1997 a full Planning Commission meeting under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister accepted its recommendations with minor modifications. The responsibility of deciding about the methodology for estimation of poverty rests with the Planning Commission and not with the State Governments.

Share of SSI in Terms of GDP

†4244. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.